



PATENT  
CASE NO. 21229Y-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: ALBANEZE-WALKER, ET AL

Serial No. 10/690,118

Filed October 21, 2003

Group Art Unit 1625

Examiner B. Dentz

For: ONE POT METHOD OF PREPARING INTERMEDIATES USEFUL  
IN MAKING INHIBITORS OF PHOSPHODIESTERASE-4

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
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Total Claims	* <u>13</u>	-	** <u>20</u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$50	= <u>0.00</u>
Independent Claims	* <u>2</u>	-	*** <u>3</u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$200	= <u>0.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$360 ****	= <u></u>
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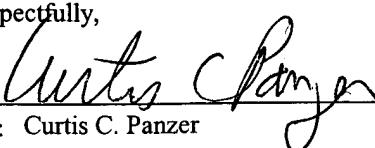
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### AMENDMENT

This is in response to a non-final Office Action Mailed November 29, 2004, setting forth a shortened statutory period for response ending February 28, 2005. Reconsideration of Applicants claims is requested. Any additional fees required in connection with this amendment may be taken from Merck deposit Account 13-2755.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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